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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Rodney Malcolm DRUITT, et al:	:	Confirmation Number: 1467
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Serial No.: 09/936,817	:	Group Art Unit: 3727
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Filed: February 20, 2002	:	Examiner: Ngo, Lien M.
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**COMMUNICATION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following communication is submitted in response to the Examiner telephone request to specify what is to be discussed at the interview scheduled for January 12, 2004.

What is to be discussed at the interview is the Examiner's contention, in the Official Action of December 4, 2003, that in Druitt (WO 9903746), the annular protrusion 18 that is provided on the underside of the second portion 17 of the sealing rib "engages the outer surface of the portion of the container at a location more distal the free end thereof than the part of the second portion". In this regard, Fig. 3 of Druitt is of

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particular relevance.

Respectfully submitted,

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